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From: Moler, Robert [Moler.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/14/2017 8:23:32 PM
To: Sue Berube; **Personal Matters / Ex. 6**
CC: Cirian, Mike [Cirian.Mike@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA Update: CFAC site – Public Meeting 9/29/2016

Hi Nino,

Thanks for your message, I hope all is going well and you are enjoying a fun summer!

I am including Mike Cirian on my response. As you know, the initial round of data collected in the site investigation process and a draft summary report for that data is available online: <http://www.rouxinc.com/cfac-phase-I-site-characterization-data-summary-report/> This is the most recent publicly available data we have about the remedial investigation. Additional technical information about the CFAC site can be found at the EPA information repository at the ImagineIF Library; 130 6th Street West; Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

We encourage any feedback you may have on this data or other feedback you can provide and we will take time to consider all the information we receive.

Mike and I are also planning to attend a workshop hosted by the City of Columbia Falls workshop to discuss the Technical Assistance Grant Program at the end of the month, July 31. A Technical Assistance Grant provides funding to community groups to contract their own technical advisor to interpret and explain technical reports, site conditions, and EPA's proposed cleanup proposals and decisions. You may be interested in this discussion. More information about the TAG program can be found online. www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-grant-tag-program.

I hope this is helpful. Thank you Nino.

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From: Sue Berube [mailto:]; **Personal Matters / Ex. 6**
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 1:11 PM
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Subject: Re: EPA Update: CFAC site – Public Meeting 9/29/2016

Hi Robert,

Have you and Mike had a chance to discuss any ways in which you could get me more involved with the technical review of the CFAC data yet. That was one of the items we left hanging after you met with me at my home a couple of months ago. I am still quite interested in the data that is supposed to be complete now for phase 1 and believe any discussion of phase 2 work as proposed is wrong at this point. The letter John Stroiazzo had Mary Green send to the community group should be of concern to EPA and MDEQ as you are being set up to be fall guys for letting them do what they want at the site and you folks are being targeted as signing off on everything. Please contact me if you have any further info for me.

Thanks,

Nino

From: Moler, Robert <Moler.Robert@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 3:55 PM
Subject: EPA Update: CFAC site – Public Meeting 9/29/2016

You are receiving this message as an update about the Anaconda Aluminum Co Columbia Falls Reduction Plant site, also known as the **Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC) site**, in Columbia Falls, Montana.

These updates will be sent out periodically when new information is available. Please share this information with other interested people. If you would like to receive these emails directly, please send an email to moler.robert@epa.gov.

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NPL Status: EPA added the CFAC site to the National Priorities List (NPL) on September 9, 2016. The NPL is the list of national priorities among the known releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants throughout the United States and its territories.

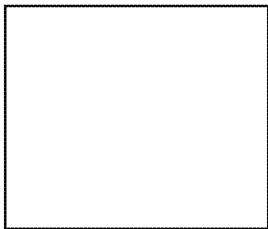
- Learn more about the NPL: www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-national-priorities-list-npl.

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Sites are listed on the National Priorities List (NPL) upon completion of Hazard Ranking System (HRS) screening, public solicitation of comments about the proposed site, and after all public comments have been addressed.

- Link to the Federal Register notice of the Final Rule: www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/09/09/2016-21615/national-priorities-list; <https://federalregister.gov/a/2016-21615>.



National Priorities List

federalregister.gov

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (“CERCLA” or “the Act”), as amended, requires that the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (“NCP”) include a list of national priorities among the known releases or threatened...

- Link to the support document for the NPL Final Rule for CFAC: <https://semspub.epa.gov/work/08/1570789.pdf> (617 pp, 22 MB). This document compiles and provides responses to public comments.

- Link to other documents and comments related to the listing: www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-SFUND-2015-0139.

The final decision to list the CFAC site to the NPL was made after careful consideration of comments received during the public comment period that followed the proposal to list the site in 2015. The EPA received good input from the community and did not find any new information to support a decision contrary to what was in the proposal.

The Superfund Alternative (SA) approach was seriously considered. The EPA chose not to pursue the SA approach in light of the information received during the comment period as well as the support for full listing from the City of Columbia Falls, the Governor's office and Senator Tester's office. Final listing also provides assurances that cleanup efforts stay on track.

Adding CFAC to the NPL allows the EPA and the community to access technical and financial resources to address the environmental and health risks posed by the site. These resources can accelerate investigation and cleanup activities and lead more rapidly to productive uses of the site.

EPA may delete a final NPL site if it determines that no further response is required to protect human health or the environment.

Next steps: A remedial investigation (RI) is ongoing and will show the nature and extent of contamination and potential risks to human health and the environment when completed. That information will provide the framework for any necessary cleanup. The RI will take place over the next few years and a final report is expected by February 2020.

EPA staff will coordinate with the community of Columbia Falls to schedule public meetings and other public events over the next several months to discuss the next steps and outline how the public can engage in the Superfund process moving forward. The next public engagement opportunities:

- Thursday, September 29, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Public Meeting at the Columbia Falls Junior High School; 1805 Talbot Rd, Columbia Falls, MT 59912; in the "Cafetorium."
- Wednesday, October 11, 11:45 – 1:00 p.m. EPA and CFAC will speak at the Columbia Falls Chamber of Commerce General Membership Luncheon; 235 Nucleus Ave.; Columbia Falls MT 59912 in the Tea Kettle Room.

Superfund: Sites on the NPL are often referred to as Superfund sites. To protect public health and the environment, the Superfund program focuses on making a visible and lasting difference in communities, ensuring that people can live and work in healthy, vibrant places.

Attached is a guide to EPA's Superfund Program that provides a general overview of the Superfund process and ways the community can be involved. For more information about the Superfund program: www.epa.gov/superfund.

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The purpose of the website is to provide information regarding the Superfund program for communities, cleanup professionals, and concerned citizens.

Community Advisory Group (CAG): A CAG is an independent group made up of members of the community and is designed to serve as the focal point for the exchange of information among the local community and EPA, the State regulatory agency, and other pertinent agencies involved in cleanup of a Superfund site. A CAG can be helpful in engaging the community in the Superfund process and assist EPA in making better decisions on how to clean up a site.

Although CAGs are independent from the EPA, the EPA has resources available to support a CAG. For more information about CAGs: www.epa.gov/superfund/community-advisory-groups.

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This page explains the Superfund program's Community Advisory Group

Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs): TAGs are available to incorporated nonprofit organizations of community members affected by the site and can be used for hiring a technical advisor, attending approved training, and obtaining relevant supplies and equipment. For more information about TAGs: www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-grant-tag-program.

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Provide money for activities that help communities participate in decision making at eligible Superfund sites.

Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC): TASC is a resource that EPA provides to communities in order to provide assistance interpreting data, facilitating discussions and other site-related activities. TASC assistance is provided on an issue-specific basis and requires less administrative work to secure and utilize than TAGs. For more information about TASC: www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-services-communities-tasc-program.

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Learn more about the services provided by the TASC program, including information assistance, community education and more.

Project Leaders and Contacts: Please contact us anytime with questions, information, and feedback.

- EPA is the lead agency for the site and Mike Cirian is the EPA Remedial Project Manager for the site. His contact information is 406.293.6194; Cirian.Mike@epa.gov.

- Lisa Dewitt is the Superfund Project Manager with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MT DEQ). Her contact information is 406.444.6420; Lidewitt@mt.gov.
- Robert Moler is the EPA Community Involvement Coordinator for the CFAC site and his contact is 406.457.5032; moier.robert@epa.gov.

Visit the CFAC website: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/columbia-falls>.

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